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MERRICK, LAILEY, HORSEMAN RETURN—THOMAS IS SUB

TOMORROW'S MATCH at Loakes Park against Kingstonian heralds the return to Wycombe Wanderers' team of Les Merrick and Julian Lailey, both of whom have recovered from injuries.

Merrick's comeback is the more significant as his penetrating runs down the left-wing have been sorely missed during the past four weeks.

Les, affectionately nicknamed 'The Stag' was injured in Wycombe's 4-0 win over Woking when in the closing minute he broke two toes on his right foot.

Merrick's return is welcome news as his thrusting runs often paved the way for vital breakthroughs in opposing defences and before his injury Les had notched six goals in eight games.

There can be no question that Merrick's height and weight have been missed inside the 18-yard box where the burden of scoring has fallen on the shoulders of Tony Horseman and Keith Samuels.

With Julian Lailey's swollen ankle having cleared up he can only strengthen a defence which has the best record in the league.

If Kingstonian manage to score tomorrow they will have achieved what Barking, Hendon, Dulwich Hamlet, Woking, Corinthian Casuals, Clapton and St. Albans City (twice) have all failed to do — pierce Wycombe's defence at Loakes Park.

After his short rest against St. Albans in mid-week, Tony Horseman is included in the side while Dave Thomas steps down to occupy the spot on the substitutes bench.

Wycombe's line-up is as follows —Maskell; Temel, Gale; Faulkner, Rundle, Lailey, Worley, Baker,

Samuels, Horseman, Merrick. Sub.: Thomas.

The reserves are at Kingstonian with — Pratt; Martin, Tilbury; Tapping, Hall, Reed; Lane, Busby; Cooney, Kurka, Honeyman.

Wanderers' supporters have the opportunity of seeing two matches next week. On Tuesday, Wycombe travel to meet Tooling and Mitcham while on Wednesday Loakes Park is the venue for a representative match between the Berks and Bucks F.A. and The Army F.A.



Both Vince Faulkner (kneeling) and Ian Rundle are playing major parts in keeping Wanderers' unbeaten home record alive. It is their sound covering in the defence which has been one of the major factors why Wycombe have still to concede a goal at Loakes Park this season in Isthmian League matches.

Match summary

FAMINE ENDS AT DULWICH

Dulwich Hamlet 0, Wycombe Wanderers 2

Low Temel, followed by Vir Busby, broke Wanderers' goal famine which had lasted for 404 minutes, to ensure two Isthmian League points at Dulwich.

Marlow 1, Rainham Town 3

Rainham never stopped running at Marlow and were rewarded with a good win, although Ray Palmer had opened the scoring for the home side.

Chalfont St. Peter 1, Kingsbury Town 1

A rough house of a game was marred further by a broken leg suffered by Kingsbury's left back, Dennis Wren, after 56 minutes. Chalfont took an early lead through Bennett, but King equalised late in the second period.

Witney Town 2, Princes Risborough Town 1

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